



Angelus Letter
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LETTER #187

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Confessions at 4PM

Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Bozek
Saturday Confessions at 9:30AM
Saturday Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Justin OSB

MONDAY IS LABOR DAY!

For those coming to kick off this civil holiday, please note that morning **Mass on Monday is at 9AM**. Also, the parish offices will be closed on Monday in celebration of this national holiday. St. Joseph, patron saint of laborers, pray for us.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap for the young adult of our parish is taking place this *Friday night*, September 2nd at the Thirsty Dog Tap House in downtown Akron! Doors open at 7PM. For more information go [HERE](#).

ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

This coming **September 11th through the 13th, we will celebrate our Annual Eucharistic Devotions**. We will have Exposition following the 11 o'clock Sunday Mass and continue with adoration through closing with Compline and Benediction beginning at 7PM on Tuesday night. The Rev. Barry Gearing, pastor of St. John Newman Parish in Strongsville will be our guest homilist on Tuesday night.

During adoration, we will need adorers around the clock these three days. It would be ideal to have at least two person at all times, particularly during the night. You may adopt an hour (or more) utilizing the sign-up sheets located on the altar rail in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. Please pray for the success of our Devotions.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION THURSDAY

The Legion of Mary is organizing a Eucharistic procession in celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin on Friday, September 9th at 7PM. Following the procession around St. Sebastian Square with Benediction at the Church, there will be a reception at Forest Lodge. There will be games and crafts for kids, a Living Rosary by candlelight, Marian songs, plus cake and ice cream.

PARISH POTLUCK DINNER!

Our Annual Potluck Dinner is coming Saturday, September 24th following the 4:30PM Vigil Mass. The price of admission (regardless of the size of your household) is a side dish! More information will be available in next week's bulletin.

FIRSTS THAT ARE COMING UP:

ADULT FORMATION: A new gathering will begin on Wednesday, September 7th in Zwisler Hall. Join those already signed up for our Missionary Disciple Formation. For more information go [HERE](#).

BECOMING CATHOLIC: If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, one of the ways to do so is through RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Join with others on their journey to the Catholic

Church. The first day is Thursday, September 8! For more information, go [HERE](#).

FIRST DAY OF PSR: The first day of our Parish School of Religion will be on Sunday, September 11th. For more information and to sign-up for the school year go [HERE](#).

YOUTH GROUP: Get in on the ground floor! Our new Youth Coordinator, Chase Bills is kicking off the new academic year with two gatherings: one for Junior High students and one for High School students. For more information go [HERE](#).

LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Returning to the historical file of Mass Intension Requests, I think this week's selection will help exemplify some of the different reasons people might request a Mass to be prayed. For example, this hand written request:

Dec. 19 '48

Dear Father Zwisler,

Am enclosing (a) check for \$5 for a Mass I would like to have offered in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in thanks for a favor received. (This favor was a recovery from a major operation.)

With all best wishes to you for the New Year,

I am sincerely,

Marie Musser.

The next one I chose is only because of the letterhead. In early pictures of the parish, there are images of men in top hats and capes. These are not the Knights of Columbus but rather, the Knights of St. John. St. Sebastian's local must have been under the patronage of St. George Commandery.

St. George's Commandery No. 6
Knights of St. John
Business Meetings 1st Wednesday of each month
Akron, Ohio - July 12, 1948

Dear Fr. Zwisler,

I understand, during my absence from the city, that my daughter Dorothy had ordered a Mass Card for Robert Strigle. (Class of 1944) For this reason, I attach my check for \$10 which, I trust, meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,

Lev H. Bender
883 Orrin St

This next letter is from the Roetzel Family. There is a chalice donated to the parish from the Roetzel Family in 1929. I wonder if that chalice was used for the following:

Cletus G. Roetzel
First Central Tower
Akron, Ohio

Dear Fr. Zwisler:-

Will you please say Masses for my father, John T. Roetzel (anniversary April 8th), my nephew, Peter Roetzel, Mrs. Augusta Gauthier, and one for a special intention?

Offering is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

C. G. Roetzel

This handwritten letter came via airmail with a picture of a plane circling the globe at the top.

Dear Father Zwisler,

Enclosed you will find ten dollars. I would like you to say a Mass for my buddy Rick Kraus. (Class of 1938)

Well, Father, when I heard about Rick's death, I knew that this was the best way to help him. He was a fine boy - I know because I was his buddy while we attended Carroll together.

I think this is an excellent opportunity to write a few lines to you and let you know where I am and how I feel as I know you are interested in my welfare both physical and spiritual. As you may know, we were in the invasion of Angaur and Peleliu in the Palau Islands. I have just had another boat ride, however, and am now at a rest camp, the location of which I am not permitted to disclose. I am feeling fine and am in good health.

Father, you were in the last war as a chaplain so you know what war really is. But it has been good for me in a way. It has brought me a lot closer to God for which I am thankful.

I would like to tell you something which I have meant to tell you for years and that is this: I approve of the way you are running our parish and teaching our children. Of course, there are those who destructively criticize, ridicule you and your work. I hope you will remain as stalwart in the future as you have in the past - I know you will.

So, may God bless you in your work,

Your friend and old student,

George

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK


Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Annette Bailey, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Robert Hickey, Phil Hochstetler, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnhoff, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Bill Monaghan, Betty O'Hara, Kathleen O'Hearn, Keith Pecek, Beverly & Mike Preston, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Mimi Teves and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.



**Novena to St. Sebastian,
Protector Against the Plague**

Glorious Saint Sebastian, you who had great courage, help us to be witnesses of Jesus before this unbelieving world as you have brought others to Christ. Help us to have the love of neighbor that you had and to give our lives for our brothers, even in difficulties and dangers. Help us to have faith in the pains of life as you endured cruel martyrdom. Protect all soldiers, military and police against every danger in their work. Protect all nations against wars, hunger and pestilence. Intercede for the grace that I need...

[Mention your intention here...]
Amen.

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